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Serial No.: (Cont. 09/941,425)) Group Art Unit: 3732
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For: BONE HEMI-LUMBAR INTERBODY SPINAL)
FUSION IMPLANT HAVING AN)
ASYMMETRICAL LEADING END AND)
METHOD OF INSTALLATION THEREOF)

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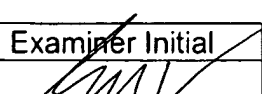
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in a prior application Serial No. 09/941,425, filed August 28, 2001; and/or Serial No. 09/553,000, filed April 19, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,350,283; upon which applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the following U.S. co-pending application of Applicant; the claims and drawings of which are attached hereto:

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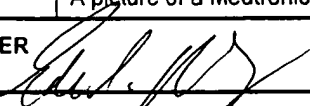
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